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PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Wolfgang Liedtke et al.
SERIAL NO. : 10/027,828 EXAMINER : Li, Ruixiang
FILED : October 25, 2001 ART UNIT : 1646
FOR : VR-OAC, AN OSMOTICALLY ACTIVATED CHANNEL PROTEIN,
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING IT, AND USES THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003, issued in connection with the above-identified Application, which is now due for response on October 9, 2003, please consider the following remarks.